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Subject: programming

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Last night, on the way home from my friends house, my fiance and I heard the chairman of the FCC speak to the national press club. This was broadcast on Oregon Public Broadcasting, a very worthwhile organization. I would offer my support to the chairman for the changes he proposes regarding television for children. With the incredible number of hours a child spends watching TV, this fantasy land is bound to become their reality in some sense. I think that those organizations that broadcast to the people of America do have a responsibility to produce some educational material that will be beneficial to children. After all, this is the upcoming generation that they are influencing. They can help produce capable citizens those who will be able to take their places once they leave, or they can produce a generation of idiots. I prefer the former to the latter. Thank you.
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am fully support your view of that the FCC should protect our children through some kind enforcement efforts on broadcasters for providing more non-violent programmings for children. I want to share my own experience of raising my son under differnt TV environments.

Due to my husband's work requirement, I was relocated to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia six years ago when my son was 18 months old. As everyone knows, Saudi Arabia is a very very dry country, no entertainment in any sorts, period. I quitted my job to be full-time mother and had first chance with my son all day long. Luckily in our compound we had 24-hour CNN from U.S. and AFRST, rebroadcasting from Italy (an Air Force TV station with a varity of programmings worldwide to provide vital entertainments for overseas U.S. military personnels and their families). I was so pleased to watch both channels. There was NO COMMERCIALS. Whenever, the commercial time came, both stations inserted travel or some natural science short films to make up the commercial times. I spent most of my times with my son watching Sesame Street, Mr. Rogers, Rainbow Reading, and many other PBS programs. Not only my son enjoyed, but as an adult like myself also enjoyed the shows. Because we both learned a lot from those programs, human relations, natural sciences, language, and many more. I felt so safe that my son did not have any bad influence from TV since either channels would not show any volient programs (we only had two choices other than another two Saudi channels which were even purer than the U.S. channels). There were some other adults programs too. Obviously, with careful selections on the broadcasters part, we had Goodmorning American, Today, Evening News, Larry King Live, or late night talk shows. However, none of those programs (except sometimes from the news) posed any threat of excess violent or bad culture. My son also enjoyed those adult shows, even the news. He was 18 months old to three years old at that time.

When we returned back to Washington after one and a half years later, things changed completely. My first noticable impression was that the bad TV programs and their commercials. I never felt that way until I had been through such a peaceful 18 - months period in Saudi. I almost had to guard every program my son watched just to be sure that that was o.k. for him. I was so disappointed about the commercials and missing those days that we were in Saudi Arabia where there was no commercials at all. Althouth I know that it is impossible for broadcasters without commercial in this country. I found that I almost can not stand those popular programs, such as Rosane. What a bad influence for children, yet, it was and still is one of the most popular shows.

Now my son is almost 8 years old and he watchs most of FOX channel (children programs only) and just a hand full other programs each week. I have spent all my time after work with my son and make sure that he does not watch any bad TVs. However, how many parents can be as devoted as I am for their children. I only have one child so I can do it, but I don't know how long that I can do this to protect him.

It is time to make this wake up call. if broadcasters can not police themselves, then, somebody has to do the job for them. As a concerning parent, I strongly call the proper action for correcting the commercial trend and do something for our next geremation before its too late. We can bar our children not to go to the violent movies, but we have little power to protect our children from exposing violent TV programmings.

Conerning Parent

Cathy Hsu

(P.S. I am writing this as a mother who care about her son's welfare not as a employee of the FCC)

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I concur. Use of public airwaves entails a certain amount of responsibility.

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This is just a test to see if I have the correct address. Please let me know and I will send my comments.

Thanks,

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Life has taught me two things:
Success is not permanent
&
Failure is not fatal...

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I listened to the National Press Club on NPR and was encouraged to write.

I strongly feel we need the FCC to set guidelines/regulations in terms of what can be shown where and when.

I fully agree that today's TV is too violent. When it comes to sex on TV, there are two types of programming, "cable" and "over the air". Cable TV currently is not FCC regulated, "over the air" then again is. While I don't think there is no depiction of sex of naked bodies, there are plenty of references to those subjects. I don't object to either, as long as it is shown after 10pm and before 6am.

A lot of what you see is a matter of taste which I don't think can not be regulated. I find TV in general fairly tasteless and disgusting. I can't believe that TV networks realize that the quality of TV that is currently broadcast will in the long run dismantle and undermine society. But that wouldn't be your concern I guess.

Coming back to regulating TV, I think the V-chip might be a good solution. This chip should also allow to block advertisement and commercials. Adult situations and certain language certainly also.

We need to have the federal government involved in some level of our lives to guarantee a comfortable way of life. I also realize not all will agree with that.

Thank you,

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July 27, 1995

Chairman Reed Hundt
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

Congratulations on a gutsy and powerful speech. You should be proud.

I just finished reading your remarks and I feel that you really gave expression to the frustrations and hopes of so many of us who have been working to improve the quality of TV for kids. I'm excited and re-charged.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

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